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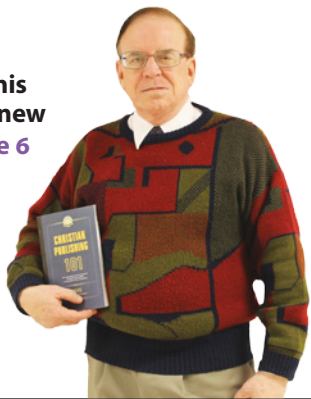
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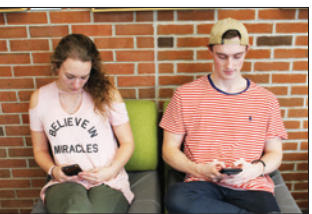
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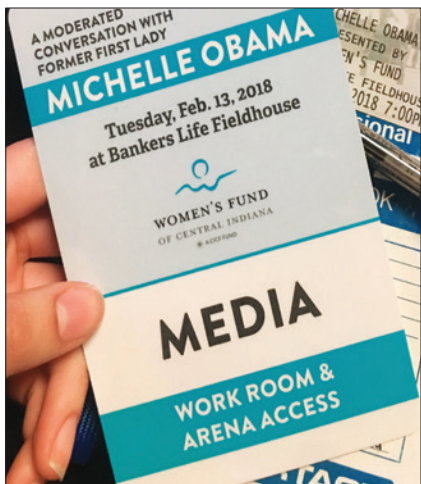
Former first lady visits Indy

Michelle Obama speaks on different issues

Kassidy Hall
Staff Writer

On Feb. 13, a crowd of more than 12,000 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse listened to "A Moderated Conversation with Former First Lady Michelle Obama," presented by the Women's Fund of Central Indiana, a special interest fund of Central Indiana Community Foundation.

Several individuals sponsored the conversation and the revenue from the sold-out event will be used by the Women's Fund as they continue to sponsor opportunities for women and girls in the Indianapolis community. Jennifer Pope Baker, executive director of the Women's Fund, explained that a whole community is strengthened when just one woman is strengthened.



"A Moderated Conversation with Former First Lady Michelle Obama" was open to press and patrons alike.



Photograph provided by Daniel Arthur Jacobson

Former first lady Michelle Obama speaks with moderator Alecia DeCoudreaux, as thousands of Indiana residents listen to Obama's message.

The conversation — moderated by Alecia DeCoudreaux, founding board member of the Women's Fund — began with Obama reflecting on her upbringing in Chicago. She remembered being surrounded by a community of mothers as she and her extended family regularly attended church, shared meals and spent time together.

After attending Chicago public schools, graduating from Princeton and receiving a law degree from Harvard Law School, Obama joined a Chicago law firm and later served as assistant to former Chicago mayor, Richard Daley, and became the founding executive director of AmeriCorps, a program that is focused on public service careers. Throughout the night, Obama continually encouraged young girls to not only go to college and work hard, but to pick careers that allow them to be their authentic selves.

In addition, Obama discussed her active role as first lady of the United

States from 2009 to 2017. As first lady, Obama launched and led four key initiatives: Joining Forces, Let Girls Learn, Let's Move! and Reach Higher. These initiatives are focused on women, higher education and other topics largely important to the Women's Fund. She also emphasized the necessity of minorities' involvement in politics, despite the pushback she received while in office, and predicts women and other minorities will continue to receive the pushback.

"It doesn't happen overnight," Obama said. "You have to put yourself in the game, and you have to be prepared. We need good public servants at all levels. We need diversity. We need different perspectives."

Obama told the thousands of women and girls in the room that increasing self-confidence takes practice, hard work and perseverance, but the most important value to remember, she said, is to be authentic. She also encouraged the audience to speak

up and advocate for themselves and others.

"You have to put yourself in the game, and you have to be prepared. We need good public servants at all levels. We need diversity. We need different perspectives."
—Michelle Obama

The conversation ended with Obama calling on the audience to participate in public service and to show others kindness, empathy and generosity.

"Assume the best in your neighbors, not the worst," Obama said. "And act on that generosity, in your church and in your schools. . . . Nobody can take that from you."
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More than just some lunch money

Cash for College encourages FAFSA

Emily Rachelle Russell
Staff Writer

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education's 2018 Cash for College campaign encourages high school and college students to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before the April 15 deadline.

This is the ninth year of the Cash for College campaign, one of three of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education runs. The campaign launched in December and is focused on educating high school and college students on available financial aid and how to access it, according to Indiana's Commissioner for Higher Education, Teresa Lubbers.

"We know that having students be financially able to go to college is absolutely necessary, so we were looking at ways that we could

heighten people's awareness," Lubbers said. "In order for them to receive any financial aid at all, they need to complete the FAFSA."

Students who don't qualify for need-based aid may still qualify for merit-based or institutional aid, especially at a private university like Taylor, so Lubbers encourages all students to file every year. Current scholarship recipients may also have renewable scholarships, and filing the FAFSA is required to maintain that scholarship.

Southport High School in Indianapolis hosted a Cash for College event for their 21st Century Scholars juniors on Jan. 25. Erin Shimp, school counselor at Southport, urges all students to file the FAFSA, regardless of family income level. She points out the FAFSA opens doors to student loans, grants, government and federal aid. It also is often used by colleges and universities to determine annual financial aid packages.



The signs and kind staff members will show you where to go if you get lost in the Freimuth administration building.



Photographs by Riley Hochstetler

"We'll have a lot of students . . . say, 'Oh, well I know that my family won't qualify for anything, so we shouldn't do the FAFSA,'" Shimp said. "The FAFSA is important because no matter what your income level is, it's (going to) give you options to help pay for college, so it's really, really important to file it every year."

Matthew Klingstedt, a financial aid counselor at Taylor, specifies that filing the FAFSA does not mean a student will definitely receive aid,

but any student who may qualify for aid must complete the form to access that money. Filing is especially important for any student who has received aid in the past or who has recently had a change in their family situation.

Though some scholarships require the priority deadline of Feb. 15, Taylor's general FAFSA deadline is the same as the state deadline: April 15. File the FAFSA by visiting www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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Ennea-what?

Enneagram conference comes to campus

Katherine Upton
Co-Editor in Chief

Taylor's Counseling Center is sponsoring "Know Your Number," an Enneagram conference from March 2-3 in Cornwall Auditorium.

The conference will be led by instructor David Stamile in an effort to encourage attendees to pursue self-awareness and growth in their lives, calling and identities in God through an exploration of the nine basic Enneagram personality types.

Stamile's background with the Enneagram includes multiple presentations in collegiate and church settings in addition to a two-year apprenticeship under Suzanne Stabile, an Enneagram speaker and co-author of "The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery."

According to Caroline Poland,



Photograph by Kassie Joviak

Many students on campus love to find their personality type together via the Enneagram.

director of the Counseling Center, the staff began learning about the Enneagram from students as early as the beginning of the decade. As the Enneagram increased in popularity, the staff began to see it as a valuable tool for self-awareness and growth.

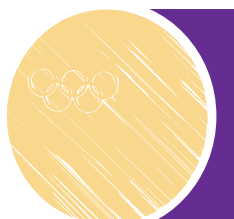
"Whether in relationships, spirituality, or growth, our wounds and

hurts provide a lens in which we see the world, relate to God and relate to others/the world," Poland said. "The Enneagram provides a way forward in understanding this lens and beginning to create growth within ourselves in this particular area."

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From the heart

Taylor history made with inaugural blood drive

Victoria Lawson
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, students and faculty came to the KSAC to participate in Taylor University’s first blood drive, orchestrated by the Indiana Blood Center and a blood drive cabinet formed by Taylor students. There are high hopes for the continuation of this partnership annually.

Christina Crane, regional manager for the Indiana Blood Center and one of the primary coordinators for the event, said hosting the blood drive during Random Acts of Kindness week could not be more fitting.

“When the timing of the blood drive fell within Random Acts of Kindness Week, we really felt like that was perfect,” Crane said. “When you donate blood, you don’t know who it’s going to help, so the very fact that it’s a selfless act of kindness to someone you don’t ever meet and that you don’t have any idea of what

their set of circumstances is, in faith, doing something that you know will impact someone in a significant way. So we thought the randomness of not knowing whose life you’re touching fit the theme well.”

The Indiana Blood Center needs to collect 550 donations of blood every day in order to sustain a two to three day public blood supply. Crane emphasized this aggressive flu season, in addition to poor weather, has caused a decrease in the number of people healthy enough to donate. She explained it is common for the donations to drop post-holidays, which is why the need for blood is so present and why she reached out to Taylor University.

Crane contacted Taylor to inquire about student organizations potentially interested in hosting a campus blood drive, and only one person answered the call: freshman ICC president Lily Walter. Crane and Walter then spent months recruiting members for a blood drive cabinet, with Walter at the forefront of the preparation. “Believing in something is



Photograph provided by Jadyn Barhorst

For the first time at Taylor, people can get their blood drawn for a good cause.

enough to make things happen if you are motivated and have people by your side,” Walter said. “Good things will come out of it, if your heart is in it.”

The Indiana Blood Center needs to collect 500 donations of blood every day in order to sustain a two to three day public blood supply.

Crane, Walter and the members of Taylor’s new blood drive cabinet are excited for this opportunity to make the annual blood drive bigger and more exciting in the years to come, but, for now, they

are delighted with the outcome of Tuesday’s event.

Crane recalled the first meeting she attended with the Taylor volunteers and remembers feeling touched at their responses, as each member was passionate about making a difference. Crane saw this as an inspiring reflection of the spirit of Taylor University.

“This blood will save lives,” Crane said. “So to me, all of the energy and the commitment that went into that was by the entire cabinet, and I would love to be able to see them recognized for that. They stepped up, you know? They created this. . . . For me, in

what I do, to hear that people want to be a part of this for those reasons makes me want this to be a successful annual event and for this partnership to be long-standing. So I’m excited that we got it off the ground, and it’s been wonderful. I am very proud of this group of people and what’s happened here (Tuesday).”

Crane also wants freshmen Natalie Baker, Alex Choate, Ellen Durling and Mallory Hooks and sophomores Ben Kruger and Kee-gan Brown to be commended for their hard work as they initiate this piece of Taylor history.

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Cybersecurity lecturer asks big questions

Guest alumnus leads discussion

Hannah Stumpf
News Co-Editor

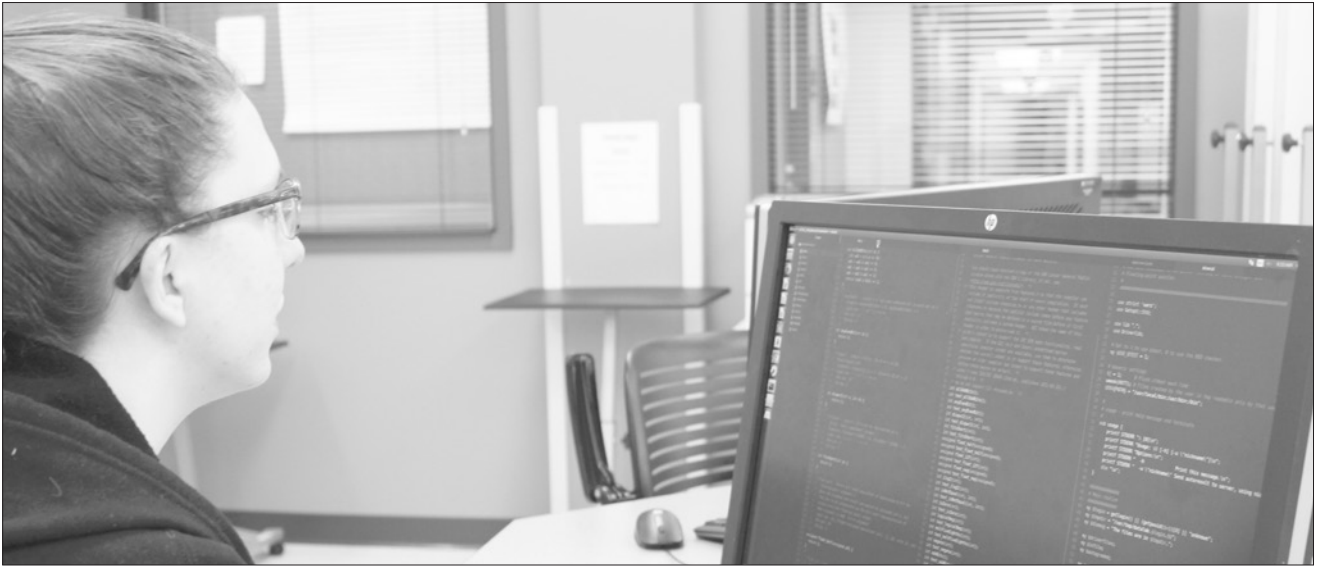
On Feb. 2, Taylor University welcomed Grant Hollis (’04), lead research scientist with Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Laboratories (LM ATL), to speak on current events in cybersecurity and to raise awareness for Taylor’s new major.

Hollis worked part-time as a system administrator for Taylor’s computer science department. This job offered first-hand insight as to how security impacted the students, the faculty and the university. When Hollis graduated, he continued on as a software developer for Lockheed Martin. Hollis currently designs and writes code on software projects in the area of cybersecurity for Lockheed Martin.

The new cybersecurity major at Taylor offers a unique opportunity for students.

“Not all computer science graduates have the interest and knowledge to analyze, understand, and react to cyberattacks,” Hollis said.

The cybersecurity major is designed to meet learning objectives set by the Association for



Photograph by Ellie Bookmyer

The importance of the new cybersecurity major becomes a greater issue as world technology progresses.

Computing Machinery and the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education. The program also focused on hands-on learning, including Lockheed Martin commissioned research, during the fall of 2016.

Senior computer science and systems major Luke Josten will not be able to graduate with a full cybersecurity degree, but understands the importance of its presence on campus.

“For me, it means that there there will be more opportunities for students that had similar interests as

me going into college to really dive deep into the security world,” Josten said. “There are not many Christian liberal arts schools (or even schools in general) that have a solid cybersecurity major, and I believe this opens a big door for Taylor.”

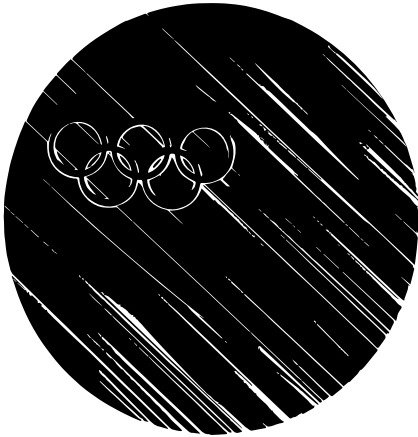
Taylor’s hosting of the lecture brought attention to the Democratic National Convention (DNC) hacking — an event during the 2016 elections that had many Americans questioning the safety of the internet.

For some, connecting cybersecurity to an integration of faith and

learning could be a challenge.

“As Christians, we have the responsibility to seek what is right and be good stewards of what we are given” “said senior computer science and systems major Joel Vastbinder. “Cybersecurity is all about doing both of those. There are a lot of moral decisions to be taken into consideration when dealing with the topic of cybersecurity. Without Christianity as a moral compass, it becomes much more difficult to deal with such problems.”

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In case you missed it...

• Germany leads the world gold count with a total of nine.

• American skier Mikaela Shiffrin finished first in the women’s giant slalom at the Yongpyong Alpine Centre.

• Germans Aljona Savchenko and Bruno Massot set a pairs free programme world record of 159.31 points — beating their previous world record by two points.

EVENT DETAILS

CONFERENCE COST:

Students: \$5.00

Faculty, Staff, TU Family: \$10.00

Community: \$20.00

ENNEAGRAM RESOURCES:

Books: “The Road Back to You,” “The Sacred Enneagram”

Websites: The Enneagram Institute, Longways Ministries (Stamile’s website)

Podcasts: The Road Back to You, The Enneagram Journey, Typology

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After the Counseling Center’s Enneagram groups met successfully, the staff began to envision how to encourage thoughtful community engagement with the Enneagram and came up with the idea of a conference.

Jena Kirk, assistant director of the Counseling Center, and her husband built a friendship with Stamile while living in Texas. Knowing of Stamile’s expertise with the Enneagram, they invited him to lead the conference invited to lead the conference. The hope of the Counseling Center through the conference, according to Kirk, is to continue to build stronger and healthier relationships individually, with God and with others.

Jesse Brown, dean of students and Title IX coordinator, sees the Enneagram as an asset to the university as well as a tool already utilized in interactions between Student Development and students.

“As an institution of higher education, we value reflection and self-awareness,” Brown said. “The enneagram is a lens to better understand ourselves in health or stress. Increased awareness leads to better self-care, self-compassion and understanding for one another. The enneagram can serve as a framework of understanding how I and my friends may behave when we are functioning well or poorly.”

According to Poland, while personality tests such as MBTI and

Strengthsfinder tend to make people feel good, the nature of the Enneagram as a self-discovery process tends to make people feel less good. Rather, it provides self-awareness into unhealthy practices and steps toward growth.

Poland sees the Enneagram as a positive tool for understanding others and growing in the ability to love them well. Poland believes growth in self-awareness promotes stronger and healthier relationships with oneself, God and others.

“The Enneagram isn’t the end-all-be-all, but it provides a fantastic framework of understanding and self-awareness in moving towards a place of growth and health,” Poland said.

Brown hopes students will continue

discussing the Enneagram in small groups, around meals and upon reflection in their spiritual lives. Brown believes the Enneagram numbers each reflect a characteristic of God’s activity in the world — a world in which the numbers need each other working together to better reflect the entirety of God.

The conference will kick-off Friday, March 2 from 6–9:15 p.m. and continue Saturday, March 3 from 8:30–11:45 a.m. Taylor students, faculty, staff and community members are all welcome.

Tickets can be purchased at the Eventbrite link: <https://tu-enneagram.eventbrite.com>. Questions regarding the conference can be directed to counselingcenter@taylor.edu.

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Need any weekend plans? Upcoming local events.

2/16–2/18 & 2/23–2/25
8 p.m., 2 p.m. Sundays

“Why We Must
Die So Young”

Mitchell Theatre
Taylor University

2/21 – 5 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Art, Journaling &
Beyond

Marion Public Library
Marion, Ind.

2/22 – 7:30 p.m.

“Die Fledermaus”

Indiana Wesleyan
University Theatre

2/24 – 6 p.m.

Crystal Ball

Meshingomesia
Golf & Social Club
Marion, Ind.

2/24– 7 p.m.

“And In This Corner:
Cassius Clay”

Walton Performing Arts
Center, Marion, Ind.

“However they want to help — time, talent and treasures, and I’m seeking them all for the Hope House. . . . Come and be a part of it.”

Bringing hope and freedom to Blackford County

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The story behind Hope House

Becca Eis
Features Editor

Hope — it’s something we all need, and Brian Blevins, general manager of Joe on the Go, brings it to the Blackford County community through his ministry called Hope House.

Every Sunday at 6 p.m., around 50–75 people come together at Grace United Methodist Church (UMC) in Hartford City, Indiana, to build healthy relationships through Jesus Christ.

“You know that you’re going to come in and you’re going to eat a meal and get to sit down with people and have people love on you no matter where you are — no matter if you’re a lawyer or if you’re a drug addict straight out of rehab,” Blevins said.

“When they get out of rehab, most people burn every single bridge and have nowhere to go,” Blevins said. “You don’t just give up on those people because those people need hope, so it’s so important that a community comes together and meets people’s needs that aren’t being met.”

Formerly a drug addict, Blevins desires to steward the time God has given him to share Christ’s love with others. In April 2016, he recognized that those struggling with addiction



Photograph provided by Brian Blevins

Hope House changes lives through healthy relationships that point to the love of Christ.

had a place to go every night except Sunday, so he set out to fill that gap.

With roots in programs like Narcotics Anonymous and Celebrate Recovery, Hope House meetings consist of a meal, worship, prayer and testimonies. Blevins wants the meetings to be about Jesus and his message of hope.

“When they get out of rehab, most people burn every single bridge and have nowhere to go,” Blevins said. “You don’t just give up on those people because those people need hope, so it’s so important that a community comes together and meets people’s needs that aren’t being met.”

He and a friend approached Grace UMC and soon began hosting

meetings in a house next to the church. Blevins and his partner sat down to establish a name for the ministry, and that same day the leaders in the church met to do the same, both landing on the same result — Hope House.

The first meeting had 25 people, but this number quickly grew, forcing Blevins to approach the church to let them inside. They soon moved to the basement of the church, but before they knew it, they were filling the sanctuary.

Since its founding, Hope House has partnered with area churches to provide meals each week. Blevins always insists on having a meal at the start of every meeting. He feels that this is instrumental to building

relationships, which leads to vulnerability and the opportunity to talk to people about Jesus.

“Initially, (Hope House) allowed me to be around healthy people and re-establish relationships that I had broken, and also its important to me because a lot of my friends have been able to come and see the results that I have experienced,” said Matt Lillard, a regular Hope House attendee. “It is very rewarding for me to not only receive the blessing myself from other people’s testimonies and grow, but also to see my friends or familiar faces from the town bring their life to God.”

Hope House has developed a leadership team and has recently



Photograph by Becca Eis

Before moving into the church building, Hope House did not have the space or capability to lead worship. Now, worship is an essential part of each meeting.

received their 501(c)3, allowing them to collect donations and enabling them to further their ministry.

As the director of Hope House, Blevins has been invited to model his ministry in Crawfordsville, Indiana, an opportunity he is excited to take advantage of. The next steps for the ministry also involve developing transitional housing, something he hopes to get Taylor University’s help with. Blevins also invites Taylor students to invest in their community and get involved.

“However they want to help — time, talent and treasures, and I’m seeking them all for the Hope House. . . . Come and be a part of it,” Blevins said.

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NSLC Preview

Friday, Feb. 23

- 2-5 p.m. Registration
- 5 p.m. Dinner
- 6 p.m. Welcome
- 6:10 p.m. Sarah Bessey
- 6:30 p.m. Micah Bournes
- 7 p.m. Austin Channing Brown
- 7:30 p.m. Debrief
- 8 p.m. Social Event

Saturday, Feb. 24

- 8 a.m. Breakfast
- 9 a.m. Breakout 1
 - Micah Bournes
 - Matthew Franklin Jones
 - Sarah Bessey
- 10 a.m. Jesse Eubanks
- 11 a.m. Nicole Baker Fulgham
- 11:30 a.m. Matthew Franklin Jones
- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Breakout 2
 - Kim Phipps
 - Alan Briggs
 - Panel
- 2 p.m. Debrief
- 2:30 p.m. Alan Briggs
- 3 p.m. Breakout 3
 - Austin Channing Brown
 - Jesse Eubanks
 - Panel
- 4 p.m. Conclusion

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Purposefully engaging Black History Month

OIP encourages student body to reflect

Caroline Shapley
Staff Writer

Combining the month of February and the idea of being “woke” — being actively aware of systemic injustice and prejudice — especially related to civil and human rights — the Office of Intercultural Programs (OIP), has created WOKEuary. This idea originated last semester, and since then OIP has created a month full of events, with Woke Week being the biggest of February. The purpose of WOKEuary is to have a month where the Taylor community can engage with and reflect upon Black History Month.

“We wanted a way for campus to engage critically with Black History Month and remind everyone that this is not only relevant for Black students, but this is a history we share. The goal is to keep students engaged at all costs, because for most, the conversations around race and social injustice can be easily ignored,” said senior Halie Owens. Owens is the Black Student Union

(BSU) co-president along with senior Tiless Turnquest.

The week of Feb. 19-23 will be Woke Week, with each day dedicated to discussing and exploring specific themes. For example, Tuesday, Feb. 20 will have the theme of the social justice system where a screening of the movie “13th” will be played in Cornwall and a discussion panel afterward to discuss the importance of protest.

Purposes of the week will be to bring reflection to ideas and themes being featured, even if they choose not to respond to questions BSU raises. Owens suggests that this is one of the easiest ways to become engaged.

Throughout next week, people will be wearing t-shirts around campus identifying involvement with Woke Week, and encouraging people to start up conversation with them. People wearing these t-shirts are ready to be approached and asked deep and thoughtful questions. It is encouraged for students of all race to be engaged with Woke Week.

BSU wants to encourage students to engage with Woke Week to learn how to think for themselves and



Photograph by Ruth Flores-Orellana

A group of Taylor students, part of the Black Student Union, enjoy lunch together and discuss plans in the Office of Intercultural Programs.

not just what has been previously passed on down to them. Some advice from the BSU is for individuals to do their research and to understand and validate others’

opinions and feelings. Even though certain topics of race or division may be tough and uncomfortable conversations, it is encouraged to be open-minded and trust that

working to bridge the gap between others is worth it.

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The host with the most fun

How to host prospective students

Lauren Rink & Kassidy Weemhoff
Life & Times Co-Editors

As Community Life Scholarship weekend is upon us, many Taylor students will be hosting prospective high school students overnight. We have compiled a list of do’s and don’t to make your hosting experience as seamless as possible.

Do

1. Ask lots of questions.

Being intentional is key in making your student’s stay at Taylor impactful. When you have down time with your prospective student, ask them about their life. Where are they from? What are their hobbies? How is the college search going? Get to know them, you might see them on campus next year!

2. Make sure your room is clean and smells nice.

Just like you’d clean up if your crush was coming over, work to get your room in presentable shape. Take out the trash, make your bed and use that wall plug-in that’s been sitting unopened for the past five months. It may only be for one night, but this is still a space for rest. It’s your home, and it’s theirs for the night, too.

3. Tell them your favorite things about Taylor and surrounding areas. Show them around campus!

Although you can’t take your prospective student off campus, it’s important to tell them what you have come to love about living in Upland. Tell them where your favorite place to study is or where you like to go for a

late-night snack. Do they know Ivanhoe’s has one hundred shake flavors? If they don’t, enlighten them. They’ll most likely be getting some form of a tour during their visit, but it doesn’t hurt to give them a head start with your own version.

4. Chick-fil-A wins every time.

Eight piece nugget. Waffle fries. Chick-fil-A sauce. Lemonade. Enough said.

5. Wing/hall/school events? Take your student!

Give them a peek into campus life at Taylor, and show them what being enrolled here next year might look like. Intentional community is something Taylor does incredibly well, so use that to your advantage. Anything from a basketball game to a bro/sis worship night would allow the prospective student to understand better what Taylor’s community is all about.

6. Pray for them.

There is no better way to show your student the presence of God here at Taylor than praying for them. Be an example of the good work going on and continue to be a light to someone who has yet to experience the love here. People always talk about the incredible, life-giving community here, but you are the application of the experience first hand.

Don’t

1. Take them off campus.

Did you know that if your prospective student steps off campus, you immediately become liable for anything that happens to them? Never consider driving a student anywhere. This is risky business. Plus, the student came to Taylor to get a feel for the school, so amplify that opportunity.

2. Leave them in your room alone all evening.

Image how you would feel in this situation. A dorm is a new and scary place for a high school student because they’re surrounded by strangers. Be considerate of them and make sure they understand what is expected of them.

3. Be boring. (If you need to study, give them something fun to do or ask a friend).

It is understandable that you might be busy on the night you are expected to host. However, there will be someone on your wing who is free. Maybe even your roommate. Find someone who can hang out with them, even if it is just for an hour or so. They will remember and treasure this time.

4. Complain about college.

You are trying to create the best possible atmosphere to experience Taylor. You don’t want them going home thinking about how much work college is going to be. If anything, explain the education is difficult, but you know you will be prepared for your job and life after you graduate from Taylor. Maybe you’ve been working on homework for six hours, but focus on the positive.

5. Let them get lost.

Taylor’s admissions office makes some beautiful schedules. However, these schedules are full of choices and locations the student and their parents have most likely never heard of before. Find out what they are interested in, and if you are free, offer to walk them to the class they want to sit in on. Never assume they know where they are going. Draw a map if it helps them.

6. Make them eat breakfast alone



Photograph by Riley Hochstetler

Senior Mykhail McClain models the traditional look of visiting students: clutching the purple admissions folder.

if you can help it.

Every student has breakfast planned into their schedule. For some it is mandatory, for others it might not be. Most students will want breakfast, so offer to go with them if you can. Or, see if your roommate or

friends could go with them. The Hodson Dining Commons is scary and intimidating, especially if it is your first time there.

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TAYLOR UNIVERSITY SURVIVAL GUIDE

Combating the Taylor ice age

Alyssa Roat
Contributor

It’s after Valentine’s Day, and people are falling all over the place — and not just in love. February weather in Upland is as fickle as a middle-school crush. Snow quickly turns to sun, to rain, to the worst of all: ice. How is a Taylor student to survive the elements? Below, the Taylor Survival Guide will provide you with the tips and tricks to

keep you on your feet when the ice just wants a big hug.

Every student has faced the situation: it’s early morning and the ground shimmers under the light of the rising sun. Welcome to the Great Taylor Ice Rink. You have five minutes to get to class. What are you going to do?

Option One: Operation Butter Skates. Grab some butter knives (NOT from the Hodson Dining Commons — we eat with those) and duct tape them to your feet. You now have your very own ice skates. Skate away to class in

record time.

Option Two: If Operation Butter Skates fails due to butter knives and duct tape not being comparable to real skates, it’s time for Operation Backpack Boogie Board. Strap your backpack to your chest and take a penguin slide! This is the most enjoyable option.

Option Three: If you care about silly things like wet books and ripped backpacks, try Operation Booty Scooty. Bottom on the ground, legs in the air and use your hands to propel you forward.

Option Four: If cold bottoms

aren’t your cup of tea, try Operation Ice Siege. Hide inside with your supplies and weather the siege of the foul Ice People.

Option Five: If you feel the need to worry over things like classes and grades, Option Four may not be your best choice. At this point, you may want to find a friend with a car and undertake Operation Vehicular Victory. Gun the engine and go as quickly as possible to quickly escape the ice.

Option Six: If you don’t have friends, it’s time for Operation Secret Hitchhiker. Grab the back of someone else’s vehicle, bend your knee and go for a ride!

Option Seven: If there are no vehicles, proceed to Operation Slithery Koala. Slither up behind someone going to class, sneakingly latch on to their leg and take a ride.

Congratulations! You now have

seven ways to avoid falling on the ice. It’s time to focus on making your crush fall for you instead of you falling in front of your crush.

Note: THE ECHO and Taylor Survival Guide take no responsibility for injuries caused due to lack of understanding of the use of sarcasm.

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HUMANS OF TAYLOR U

Carly Wheeler | Contributor

Within the acres of Taylor University, about 2,000 students live in community from September to May. From around the world, we come together to do similar things: go to chapel, go to class, share meals. But we are all unique, and we all have stories. What’s yours?

This column is entitled “Humans of Taylor U,” and my hope is to give Taylor a taste of each other’s unique and interesting experiences. When was that time you felt unstoppable? Who was the person who changed your perspective? What did you do on a dare that no one believes? What’s your story?

When a Social Work Major Delivered a Baby

“When you look outside, it’s just dirt and stray dogs and chickens and trash everywhere. And just picturing that lady walking in those conditions is really sad, and then going to live in

her little makeshift house and taking care of a newborn baby there the day she gave birth was crazy.”

Prior to her trip to the Philippines, the best days of junior Caroline Kemper’s life included fun days of hanging out with her friends and meeting the singing group Fifth Harmony. She had no idea what was in store for her when, even after switching her major from education to social work, she accompanied the education department on their annual J-term trip. Lead by Cindy Tyner, professor and chair of the education department at Taylor, the group was to spend the month teaching in a school in Manila, all except Kemper. She was set to work in an orphanage and in the local pregnancy clinic while the other Taylor students taught in the school.

Kemper remembered how others in the group joked about what could happen when helping out at a pregnancy clinic. Tyner had even mentioned how she could possibly help deliver a baby, but no one could have known the prophetic weight of their

words, and Kemper never imagined she would do such a thing. And when her first day at the clinic was rather uneventful, having only performed tasks such as taking blood pressure and sorting diapers, pills and eggs for the patients, Kemper went back the second day thinking there would be nothing new added to her docket.

“But on the second day, when I walked into the clinic, I saw a woman sweeping the stairs. When she saw me, all she said was, ‘labor,’” Kemper said.

It took some processing for Kemper to realize that the woman was wanting her to go into the room where someone was having a baby. After asking two important questions to clarify this information that was given to her so casually, “Labor? Where?” she approached the room. Inside, she indeed found a woman in labor, and then saw a doctor was already busy with standard procedure. Kemper knocked on the door, took her shoes off, and then entered the room. The doctor simply instructed her to put gloves on, and then she helped deliver a baby – barefoot and with unwashed hands.

Laughing that she had watched plenty of “Grey’s Anatomy,” a popular medical drama television series, Kemper remembered the surreal feeling of confidence through it all.

“As soon as it was happening, I was calm and in the zone and I felt prepared to do it,” Kemper said, “and afterwards I was just so joyful that there was new life in the world that I helped bring.”

Perhaps the most shocking part



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“As soon as it was happening, I was calm and in the zone and I felt prepared to do it.”

of her day, however, was when she watched this new mother walk home just hours after giving birth to her daughter, whom she named Rayzen. Down the dirt road where Kemper was instructed to never walk alone, the woman went to her home, exposing her newborn so quickly to the elements: the trash lining the streets, the dust in the air, the stray animals. Kemper considered how differently this would look in America.

In the midst of the chaos, beauty emerges. This is something Kemper saw as a message of hope.

“It really made me appreciate life and how cool God is,” Kemper marvelled. “It made me appreciate my life more, and just seeing life come into the world was really

cool. It made me more excited to do things well.”

As these emotions ran wild within her, she ran to everyone she could find, saying, “I delivered a baby!”

Q: Where do you see value in sharing stories?

“I think it just gives us a better understanding of how we see the world and how we view different events, because how one thing might affect me after experiencing (delivering a baby) or anything really, will affect somebody else completely differently. And if we don’t share our stories then we don’t appreciate those differences in each other; it would just be confusing or misunderstood. It just allows for a deeper appreciation and understanding.” — Caroline Kemper

Foodie fix

Teppanyaki Buffet offers options for less

Chrysa Keenon
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We can all admit there are days when we just want to drown our problems in a bowl of delicious orange chicken. But sometimes, we just really don’t want to drive all the way out to Muncie, Indiana, to hit up Panda Express. If you want to satisfy your craving while saving an extra buck or two, head to Teppanyaki Buffet in Marion.



Photograph by Chrysa Keenon

An inside look at Teppanyaki Buffet with rows of endless options.

This place literally has it all — it’s basically the Hudson Dining Commons’ sister restaurant, but with abundant chopsticks. A hibachi grill is paired next to a sushi bar at the front. If your tastebuds are craving pizza with your orange chicken, you can have that. Feeling risky? Try some garlic bread with your lo mein noodles. Have Cross-Fit tonight and don’t want to feel too heavy so you want to stick to just salad and dessert? They’ve got that, too. And of course, what kind of restaurant wouldn’t have a selection of fresh fruit and multiple types of Jello?

As advertised in the name, Teppanyaki is a buffet-style establishment. As soon as you’re seated, you can grab whatever kind of food fits your fancy. The servers are friendly and easy to have a conversation with. Plus, they bring you small cookies with a fortune in them with the bill! It’s a win win!

Overall pros: There is a huge variety of food, so if you don’t know what you want going in, you’ll have plenty of choices to make by the time you leave. There are vegetarian options as well, the same as the regular price. The price for a lunch meal is \$7.89 and dinner is \$9.89, both before tax — a little stretching of the broke-college-kid budget, but still doable.



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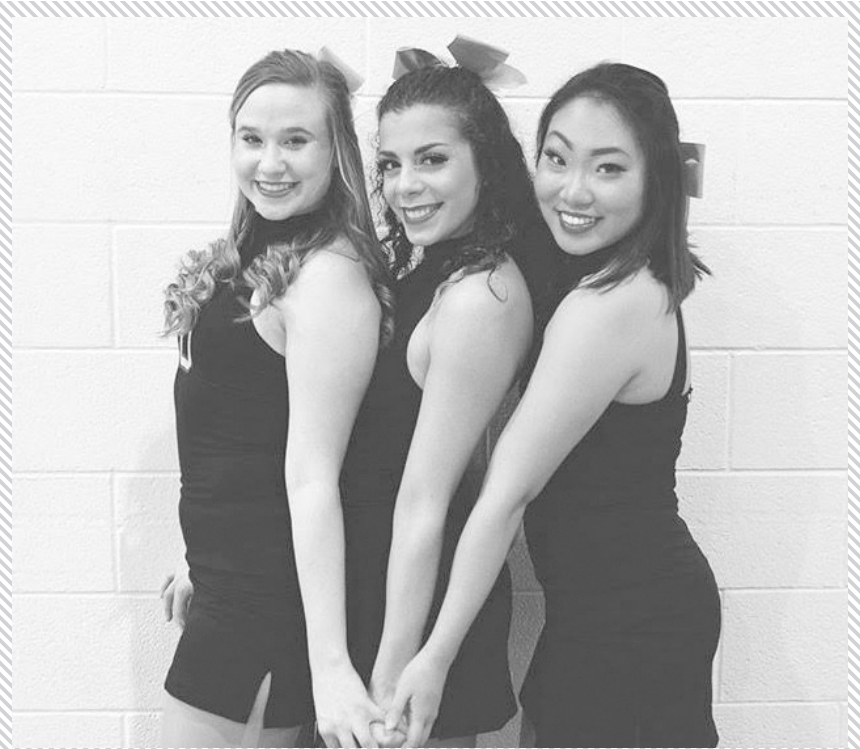
An inside look at Teppanyaki Buffet with rows of endless options.

Overall cons: This place is a little tricky to get to. Located at 1310 W 38th St. in Marion, it’s easy to drive by if you’re not looking for it, even though it’s a huge building. There isn’t a whole lot of decor

when it comes to design inside the building, so be sure to bring someone to have fun with you when you go out, and you’ll have a solid time.

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I really can’t come stunnin’ without my girls #POMS



@noah_frances
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Peyton Nill @peytonnill
What’s my favorite part of working in the Alumni and Parent Relations Office, you ask? Definitely when 3 PM rolls around and someone treats us all to Ivanhoe’s. #blessed #bestcampusjob #tayloru

T.R. Knight @TRKnight
When you are using chess for a lesson in your @TaylorCSE SYS270 Game Studies course and the students decide to mash up Disney Princess Checkers and Chess. #TaylorU #GameStudies #AlreadyModdingGames

becca @BeccaGarkie
my prof handed out vitamin c packs in class today bc everyone is so sick lol #tayloru

chad veal @veal_chad
Unpopular opinion: the green cups are better than the clear cups at the DC. #TaylorU

Cassidy Grom @CassidyGrom
I sat in two different classrooms looking for my 9 am history class. But the class is at 11. How’s your Monday going? #TaylorU

Childish Gabeino @gabebowron29
Taylor students are all wearing Patagonia. While I’m over here just getting out of the Aeropostale phase #TaylorU @tayloru

Kristina Rivera @rivera_kristina
Selecting songs for chapel gives me more anxiety than taking a test. Let’s be honest, we all judge the choices. #confession #tayloru

Hope Bolinger @therosewoman
Dear Taylor, I appreciate the ice rink around campus to commemorate the Winter Olympics. But it also broke my friend’s arm. #tayloru

Olivia Miller @OliiviaMiller
Started off my Valentine’s Day texting my Spanish professor and ending it working the front desk. Only way to do it. #tayloru

Armed with words, faith and courage

Taylor theatre presents the White Rose martyrs

Elizabeth Hartmann
A&E Editor

For the first time ever, the entirety of William Gebby's new play will be performed for the public. Showing times are tonight, Feb. 17, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 18 and 25 at 2 p.m.

Amid the fear and terror of World War II (WWII), a small group of German Christian college students fought against Nazism in what later became known as the White Rose resistance. They were only armed with words, faith and courage.

"Why We Must Die So Young" is their story.

"The people who come to see this are the group of people to see something for the first time and who knows where the show could go one day," said senior Sarah Dodd who plays Sophie Scholl, a 21-year-old witty, fiery philosophy student.

The solemn mood of war hangs like a heavy cloud in the air. Shadows ghost along the blood red backdrop of the Nazi flag, and once again, the Taylor Theatre produces a production which is moving, heartfelt and flawlessly executed.

This relatable play is about a group of young college students, Hans and Sophie Scholl and their friends, who wrote and produced leaflets to spread



(L to R) Members of the White Rose, sophomores Josiah Griener and Brandt Maina and senior John Broda, prepare for rebellion.

around Germany to reveal the cruelty of Hitler and the Nazis. By standing against evil, they risked their lives.

Dodd said "Why We Must Die So Young" is a story about courage, faith and friendship.

Gebby said the play's message is about following God's will and fighting evil by standing up for what is

right. Gebby believes Christians and non-Christians alike will be moved by this powerful story.

"It is a powerful story about brave young men and women and it ought to put older folks or Christians who are just going through the motions to shame," Gebby said. "I'm hoping it inspires us to stand up and handle the forces of evil because they are certainly present in this fallen land of ours."

Gebby first learned about the White Rose resistance when he took a class on the Holocaust while studying for his masters. In 2010, he wrote the first act of what was to become "Why We Must Die So Young" and with the help of the director, Tracy Manning, assistant professor of theatre arts and dept. co-chair managing & artistic director of theatre, toured it with the Taylor Touring Theatre.

Eight years later, the production is full length and ready for its debut.

The story has undergone several name changes from "We Will Not Be Silent" for the one act version, to "Grasping the Thorn" and now its final name of "Why We Must Die So Young."

Gebby believes the new title, which is a line from Sophie Scholl in the play, gives a better summary of the play and is more moving. It encapsulates

the courage and faith these young college students had as they rallied against the Nazi regime.

Senior Kenzi Nevins who plays Frau Doktor Mertens, said, "It is special to put it on here in a college setting and all the primary characters were college students who believed that with words they could change the world and they believed that truth was the strongest weapon in existence."

Nevins hopes the play encourages Christians to stand against the evil they see in the world, because if the Christians don't resist it, who will? She said anyone can make a difference no matter how unimportant or small they might feel.

The typewriter keys click and ominous drums rumble as these young students use their individual talents and interests to help spread the truth and defeat the evil surrounding them.

"It is so hard to hear a story like this and not want to take action in your own life," Dodd said. "I want students at Taylor to come see this and be challenged by faith and words and the power behind words and in that understand how relevant it really is."

It is impossible not to be moved and inspired by this memorable production and beautiful message.

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Sigmund von Radeki and Gisela Schertling, played by senior Ty Kinter and freshman RaeAnne Hankla, talk at a party.

Mixing words from past and present

Professor and alumna contribute to writing book

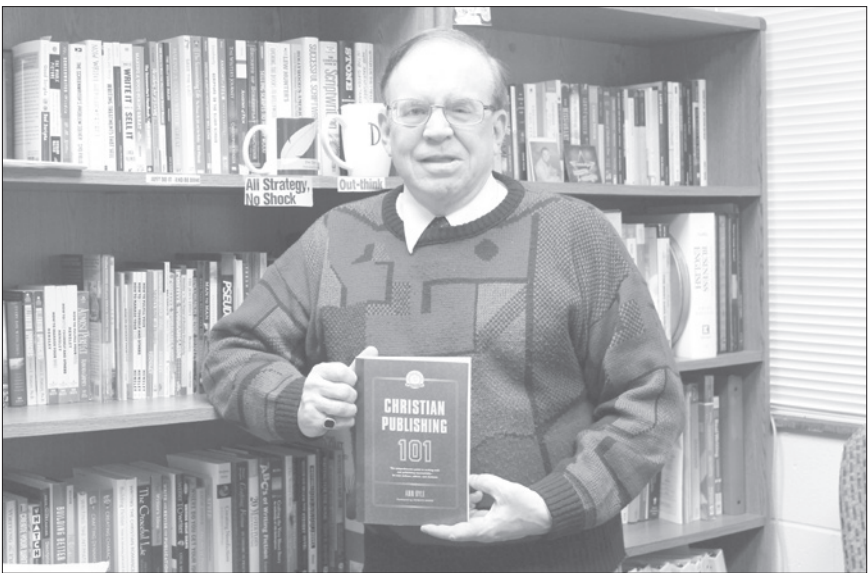
Ethan Rice
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Taylor's professional writing program has become known nationwide, and now several university denizens have found themselves contributing to the same book.

On the second floor of Nussbaum, two boards line the walls, covered with the published works of professional writing students of all classes. It is a testament to the success of the program, which has increasingly garnered national attention, most recently with the release of "Christian Publishing 101: The Comprehensive Guide to Writing Well and Publishing Successfully."

Compiled and edited by Ann Byle, the list of contributors includes Jerry B. Jenkins, the author of the "Left Behind" series, Andy Scheer, a former editor of "Moody Magazine," and more. Alongside them are Taylor professor and founder of the professional writing program Dennis Hensley and program graduate Amy Green, class of 2013, who now works as a publicist and editor with Bethany House Publishing.

Hensley discussed his chapter "Write, Write, Write: Advice From a Seasoned Professional," which was closely tied to the principles that drive his program here at Taylor. Practice is the key to every profession, he explains, and writing is no different, producing a body of diverse work and being open to ensuing criticism and



Professor of Professional Writing Dennis Hensley proudly holds "Christian Publishing 101."

advice is vital to improving as a writer.

Hensley himself continues to write profusely, with his 15th published novel releasing the week of our interview, Feb. 6. He maintains that as a professor, you have to practice what you teach.

"If I study cooking, I want to learn from a master chef, not someone reading other people's cookbooks," Hensley said.

Green now lives in Minnesota, ever since taking her job at Bethany House Publishing Company several years ago, working to connect companies with customers and marketing books.

Her contributions to "Christian Publishing 101" focus on how authors can connect with readers both before and after publication, as well as the process of book proposals. She outlines some of the "dream traits" a publisher looks

for to make prospective authors stand out from thousands of proposals.

It was through a growing reputation of student success and connections made at writing conferences that led to such a strong Taylor presence within this major publication. Junior Theresa Hughes, a professional writing student, believes that the program's acclaim is well-earned.

"It is one of the only ones in the country that teaches students many of the practical skills they will need in the writing world," Hughes said.

She elaborates that it teaches not just writing, but every aspect of the process from start to finish. She hopes that the growing recognition will bring even more great writers here to Taylor in the future.

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Enter the world of Jumanji!

A new spin on an old story

Rylie Harrison
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A movie starring Dwayne Johnson as a wimpy nerd, Kevin Hart as a football star, Karen Gillan as a brainiac and Jack Black as an Instagram queen? Was there any doubt this movie would be good?

For some fans of the original "Jumanji" starring Robin Williams, yes, there was some doubt. Unfortunately, I have not seen the first movie, so I cannot speak to how this new film compares to it.

As a stand-alone film, "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" exceeded my expectations. The action sequences leapt off the screen and engaged the audience.

Of course, the humor was fantastic. I appreciated that every character got their own moments to be funny. We all knew Hart and Black would be hysterical, and they fully deliver. Personally, I was surprised by how funny Johnson and Gillan were. The whole cast performed their roles perfectly.

One unexpected element of the movie was how much heart was put into it. These are high school kids dealing with high school issues. They are all very different people who have to figure out how to work together in order to escape this virtual world. I was invested in each character's arc and stuck with them to the very end.

I do have thoughts about the end, but I will keep those to myself as not to spoil it for anyone else.

In the end, I highly recommend checking this movie out. 4.5 out of 5 stars! This film's rating is PG-13.

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“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

—The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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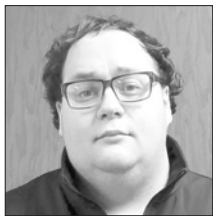
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Alone on Valentine’s Day

Singleness
can be a curse

Sean Quillen
Contributor



Well, Valentine’s Day has come upon us and went like a gastrointestinal disease. There was a lot of sweating, nausea, sprints to the restroom and lots of lying in bed due to fatigue.

Well, that’s how it felt for me.

I get the feeling I am not the only one who has dealt with the over-commercialized paganism that is Valentine’s Day (it’s one of the most American holidays we have out there, although not as commercially big as other materialistic days of worship like Black Friday and Christmas). I’m also pretty sure that many here at Taylor find this holiday to be a pointless venture. I don’t think it’s because of our Christian upbringing though. I believe we don’t like this holiday because many of us have been marked with the curse of (trigger warning) singleness (your triggers have been warned). And if there is something Christians hate, it’s being reminded that they are cursed.

I know; I’m one of them.

For all my life, I have suffered from singleness. I have sought after a multitude of medications and seances to cure myself. I’ve Mingled with Christians, pursued Plenty of Fish, even attempted to find Harmony with an e. All of these pursuits lead to nothing. I then went to the elders in my church, who told me that my cursed life was from a lack of faith in God’s good plans for me. I spent years strengthening my faith, to where it got as big as a mustard seed, and all I could do was move a stupid mountain. Apparently, my



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Especially on Valentine’s Day, singleness can feel like a curse.

faith had to be the size of a grapefruit in order to move someone’s heart.

But, not all of my cursed life has been in vain, as I have gotten to meet others who are cursed as well, who share the same pain as I do. I met one who has chosen to be cursed, as they found themselves more content in this stage of life, rather than being “blessed” (the term we call you dating folk). It has opened up conversations with other cursed folk, as we find ourselves experiencing the same feelings of disappointment and angst. We cursed really look up to the words of Saint Paul, who too was given the blight of singleness by God (who had a single son named Jesus).

These conversations have led us to feel blessed and to think of those who are in relationships as cursed.

These feelings of blessedness do not work all the time. There will always be those moments where we cursed will see the (uncomfortably)

intimate moments between the “blessed” as we walk on campus (or pass by the palaces of osculation that are Wengatz and Olson) that we’ll quickly scurry away from (although we will strongly desire to hurl our Bean drink at you, we won’t though, cause those drinks are like four bucks and taste too good to waste).

On a serious note, I do hope that all of you that feel cursed had a great Valentine’s Day. I hope that God has gifted you with a witnessing of his love and grace by someone that cares about you. I pray that he continues to provide you with these moments, because we all need to be reminded of his goodness.

And for you blessed folk, I do hope you had a great Valentine’s Day as well, and that God has used your significant other to show you His love and grace. Just remember that it could always be worse.

You could be cursed!
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The unsolvable Holy Land conflict, part one

... and those who are
daily impacted by it

Abigail Roberts
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1948 is a year many will not forget. Whether one knows it as the year Israel became a state: the year of In-

dependence, or the year over 500 Palestinian towns and villages were destroyed and invaded: the Naqba (Catastrophe in Arabic), it has cemented itself into Middle East history books forever, and into the hearts of those from the land for even longer. As Israel maintains itself as a democratic state, the lives of those who lived within the land before the Jews continue to be impacted each day.

My Arabic tutor Aya is Palestinian. She was born in Jordan and has never seen her homeland. During one of our first lessons I noticed a small blue book peeking out from her bag. I asked her what she was reading. She was reading a book by Ghassan Kanafani, a Palestinian political thinker, militant and journalist. The book, “Returning to Haifa,” documents a family’s struggle inside the Palestinian city of Ramallah in the midst of 1948. As she talked about Kanafani tears ran from the corners of her eyes. She has read all of his works and has read this particular novel so many times she has lost count. Kanafani was assassinated in Beirut in



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The Palestinian-Israeli conflict bleeds into the hills of Jordan.

1972 at the age of 36. To her he represents so much.

I asked her once about the necklaces she wears around her neck. She replied that one is an original Palestinian pound from before 1927. From her second necklace hangs a small bottle. Inside is dirt from her grandparents’ village. A friend of hers traveled to Palestine and asked, “What do you want me to bring back?” Aya answered, “All I want is the trab (soil/dirt) of my home.” She keeps both close to her heart at all times.

For Aya, growing up only hearing about a place she is told is her home is more than difficult. Her grandparents were forced out in 1948 when her father was a young child. Her mother was born in Jordan and so was she, “but this doesn’t mean I am

any less Palestinian,” said Aya. Sixty percent of the Jordanian population is made up of Palestinian refugees.

At the moment, if Aya wanted to travel to Palestine she would have to apply months in advance for a visa. She wouldn’t be sure if it would be accepted or when it would be accepted. Once approved she would be given an exact time frame in which to travel in and if she was already scheduled for classes or work and couldn’t make it in that time, too bad.

However, all of these stipulations only encourage her more in her identity and the identity of her people. She has let me borrow her copy of “Returning to Haifa.” At the moment, it is the first thing I reach for to read.

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Guest View



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The way to a thriving relationship is through meaningful communication.

Conquering our fear of communication

Good relationships
require honesty

Anna Cummings
Contributor



Navigating the waters of a maybe-relationship, almost-relationship, new relationship or stale relationship can be pretty complicated around Valentine’s Day (and always!).

A lack of meaningful communication can easily become a relationship’s biggest downfall, but the effects of insufficient communication are usually much less apparent than during the Valentine’s season. Marriage.com cites a lack of communication as the third most common cause for divorce, trailing only after infidelity and financial stressors, so the time to get comfortable communicating is now.

In the spirit of recognizing our immeasurable value and rich identity in Christ, I’d like to call you — my brothers and sisters — out of ambiguity and fear, into a culture of open and honest communication where our focus is not on maintaining an image but on honoring each other, ourselves and God. Let’s not let our desire to serve, please and stay humble keep us from enjoying the richness of relationship that God has designed us for.

We put ourselves in harm’s way by constantly sacrificing our own needs to maintain a relationship, prematurely making ourselves deeply vulnerable in an effort to connect and assigning disproportionate power to people who haven’t earned it. We jeopardize our relationships by holding expectations that we haven’t communicated, trying to ignore frustrations and seeking to blame rather than resolve when we encounter conflict.

Respect yourself enough to recognize that you deserve clarity. We’re all guilty of trying to read our VC’s or so’s mind and respond accordingly. But, especially when you’re under the impression that a relationship may be around the corner, you deserve some honest

answers! Don’t be afraid to bring up the hard topics first, even when it’s uncomfortable.

So you have some concerns about the person you’ve been talking to — but you don’t want to give up the possibility of dating or make them feel insecure, so you convince yourself that you can figure it out on your own.

To Enneagram 8’s like myself and any others who crave control, it’s hard to counteract our default response to any problem: trying to fix it ourselves. But relationship studies show that problem-solving isn’t always the first response we need — sometimes the other person just needs to feel heard, respected and valued.

Healthy ways to address differences in expectations include using I statements, focusing on the motivations for boundaries and genuinely seeking to understand your partner’s perspective rather than just trying to change his or her mind.

To share my counselor’s constant encouragement: Get curious. Ask yourself why you’re feeling the way you are, or what past experiences might be informing a response that feels inappropriate at present. Going into a conversation with a measure of self-awareness will create a more positive, meaningful experience for both parties.

If you’re harboring resentment or anger over an unmet need or a violation of trust — come to the conversation with a healthy level of self-respect, but bring along your understanding and empathy, too. Study result analysis by psychotherapist Esther Perel has shown how we approach the conversation makes a bigger difference in the relationship’s outcome than the specifics of the conflict we’re dealing with.

Everyone praises a good listener, but explore what it means to be a good sharer, too. It requires a boldness and confidence we often struggle to express, but we grow and learn in practice. Do some prayerful self-seeking, ask your friends for support, pray for wisdom and approach that special someone. Honesty is, after all, the best policy.

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Men’s basketball seniors leave Tuesday with a bad taste

Track and field tramples competition

Women’s claim victory, men finish in second place

Justin Chapman
Sports Editor

The women’s track and field team is the Crossroads League Champions. The men’s team almost completed a Taylor sweep, however they finished second.

Last Friday and Saturday, the Taylor track and field teams traveled to Marion, Indiana, to compete in the first-ever Indoor Track and Field Crossroads League Championship. After two days of competition, the hard work paid off.

The women’s team continued to show their excellence in this impressive championship victory. Junior Plenseh-Tay Sakeuh won the long jump and 60-meter hurdles. The spotlight remains on Sakeuh, as she was also named the NAIA Women’s Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week.

Sakeuh also recognizes how hard her team worked and enjoys the sight of seeing her teammates succeed.

“It’s great to see everyone put so much time and energy into practices and then reap the benefits in actual meets; and to see people that didn’t expect themselves to do as well rise to occasion because we all had the same common goal,” Sakeuh said. “That was also really amazing to see.”

Interim head coach Ted Bowers received the Crossroads League Indoor



Freshman Josh Roth and junior Miriam Wood contributed to Taylor’s dominance last weekend.

Women’s Track and Field Coach of the Year honor.

Freshman Sarah Harden added two victories in the mile run and 3,000-meter run. She also helped the distance medley relay team bring home first place. Senior Alex Berends recorded a first place finish in the 1,000 meter run.

The men’s team flexed their muscles and included some notable finishes. Sophomore Caleb Anthony turned on the jets and won the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.11 seconds. Junior Ben Byrd brought Taylor a victory in the mile run with a time 4:21.41.

Anthony said Bowers thought the

team would finish around third place, so earning second place was a great accomplishment. However, Anthony knows the team can do better when everyone gets healthy again.

This year is the first time a conference championship occurred for indoor track and field, and it took place early, so the teams had less time to prepare for this meet. Anthony likes the indoor track season, but is looking forward to having more time in the outdoor track and field season.

Bowers knows some of the difficulties of a short indoor track and field season. Some athletes entered in a

“no time” for some events since they have not run in some events yet, which means they get placed in a slower heat.

Harden had yet to compete in the mile, so she was put in a slower heat, even though she is one of Taylor’s best runners. The indoor season also creates some physical problems for runners.

“(Senior) Joe Beamish . . . (ran) one event and that’s it,” Bowers said. “Easily he could have run one each day, but we’re just not ready to race. And indoors is harder on the legs than outdoors (because) of the tight turns and everything. Everybody reacts differently, but it’s not

WEEKLY PREVIEW

BASEBALL
2/17 Saint Ambrose (DH) 1 p.m.

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MEN’S TRACK AND FIELD
2/16 Findlay All-Corners 4 p.m.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
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Weekly Preview Legend
(A) = Away (N) = Neutral site
(DH) = Double header

a good thing. If you run a lot of curves, it’s hard on your legs.”

Fortunately, the indoor track and field season ends in early March, and the outdoor season begins in mid-March.

The teams will compete in the Findlay All-Corners invite today at 4 p.m. This will be the last indoor competition for some of Taylor’s athletes. Those who qualified for Nationals will head to Pittsburg, Kansas, March 1–3 to compete in the NAIA Indoor National Championships.

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Seniors end Senior Night victorious

Women’s basketball defeats Huntington 69–51

Blakelee Steeb
Contributor

Last Saturday, the women’s basketball team defeated Goshen 78–47 in Odle Arena. The team exemplified the familiar teamwork Taylor fans have come to expect this season from the No. 16-ranked team.

“From preseason conditioning to today, this team has stuck together as one family,” said head coach Jody Martinez. “Their dedication to each other and for the team success has been awesome.”

The Trojans raked the Maple Leafs early and kept them contained as the

points for the purple and gold piled up. Sophomore Abby Buchs and freshman Lauren James collected 13 three pointers out of the 16 in this game. Sixteen 3-pointers in a game is the season high for the Trojans.

While the points were a crucial factor in the victory, rebounds were also a deciding factor. Junior Kendall Bradbury led the team with nine rebounds to contribute to the team’s total. The Trojans outrebounded the Maple Leafs 52–36.

With the triumph, the team earned at least a No. 3 seed in the Crossroads League tournament, which guarantees a home game for the first round of the tournament.

The victory over Goshen gave the team momentum for Senior Night

against Huntington on Wednesday.

The Trojans participated in deforestation and defeated the Foresters 69–51. Bradbury led the scoring with 23 points, senior Cassidy Wyse followed with 12 and junior Aubrey Wright sank 11.

These points would be impossible without the total team effort the team has harped on all season. Senior Josie Cobb collected five assists on the night, and Wright followed close behind with four.

While the team has had a winning season, a few of their goals remain on the horizon.

“We want to make it to nationals for the first time in a while,” Bradbury said. “We want to finish out the season strong and hopefully win the



Sophomore forward Becca Buchs saw 11 minutes of action versus Huntington.

Crossroads League tournament.”

Both Bradbury and Buchs would agree the team has made a valiant effort this season and each role has been filled. Throughout the remainder of the season, the team will focus on attitude, effort and growing through every opportunity.

Men’s basketball seniors leave Tuesday with a bad taste

Trojans end Senior Night with a loss

Matt Csakai
Staff Writer

Senior night for the men’s basketball team resulted in disappointment. While Taylor planned to celebrate it’s seniors and bring them a victory in possibly their last home game, Huntington had other plans.

Taylor suffered a loss against Huntington in a shocking finish, losing 102–99 in overtime. Taylor forced the game to overtime, but came up short, as Huntington prevailed to give the Trojans a heartbreaking loss on senior night.

Junior forward Jake Heggeland and sophomore guard Ryan Robinson led the Trojan effort with 28 points and

nine rebounds and 23 points and four rebounds, respectively.

The Trojans battled throughout the game and would not let Huntington get away easy.

The Trojans found themselves down seven points with 44 seconds left in the second half. Taylor quickly went on a 7–0 run, capped by a two-point shot converted by sophomore Mason Degenkolb.

Again, the Trojans were down by four in overtime with 1:31 left. Once more, Degenkolb saved the day with another two-point basket to cap a Trojans 4–0 run and tie the game at 99–99. Senior guard Mike Bush for the Foresters put the Trojans down for good after his 3-pointer dagger fell at the buzzer.

For the Trojans, this season has been a trying one. After a highly

successful season last year, hopes were high coming into this season. However, the team has struggled off and on after a 8–1 start.

“One word I would use to describe our guys is resilient,” said head coach Josh Andrews.

They have had some difficulties finding an identity and the team as a whole has attempted to figure out how they want to play both defensively and offensively.

According to Andrews, they want to play with great tempo and pace, but also be a strong defensive team.

“We’ve had some trouble finding a team rhythm on the court,” said senior guard Tim Fleming. “We get along incredibly well and care about each other, but it’s definitely difficult to find a consistent rhythm and identity on the court.”

While this season hasn’t always gone according to plan, Andrews has seen his seniors grow in their time in the program, in putting in time working with younger players and caring about them as people.

Andrews said Fleming and Hendricks are top-notch men and are big reasons why Taylor basketball is where it is now.

“I’ve grown to truly care about and invest in the people around me,” Fleming said. “I’ve learned to focus on the process and not simply on the result. I’ve learned that my level of influence is directly proportional to my level of sacrifice. And I’ve learned that anything can be used as a vehicle to our growth as men and women in Christ.”

Hendricks also echoed this idea of looking out for others. He hopes



Sophomore guard Mason Degenkolb poured in 19 points against Huntington. to apply the things he has learned through Taylor basketball to life after college.


Taylor’s last regular season game will be at Grace on Saturday at 3 p.m. Taylor will begin the Crossroads League Tournament on Wednesday.

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SCOREBOARD	
BASEBALL	
2/9 Campbellsville	W 7–3
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2/14 IU-Southeast	L 11–3
Men’s BASKETBALL	
2/10 Goshen	W 96–94
2/13 Huntington	L 102–99
Men’s TRACK & FIELD	
2/10 Conference Championship	2nd place
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Ryan Robinson

MEN’S BASKETBALL



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SOPHOMORE	Year	SENIOR
HAMILTON, OHIO	Hometown	HUDSONVILLE, MICHIGAN
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	Major	INTERNATIONAL STUDIES & PPE
BASEBALL	If you could play another sport, what would it be?	SOCCER
JORDAN FOSTER	Funniest teammate	LAUREN MELCHERS
SALAD	Pre-game meal	SPAGHETTI

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WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD



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